BY-LAWS

OF

THE PROVINCIAL

GRAND LODGE

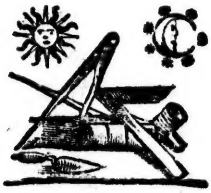
OF THE

DISTRICT OF MONTREAL

and

BOROUGH OF

WILLIAM HENRY.



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REPORT

Of a Committee appointed by the Provincial Grand Lodge of the District of Montreal and Borough of William Henry, on the 27th Dec. 1823.

AT a meeting of the above-named Committee, for the purpose of framing a code of By-Laws, and for the establishment of a local Fund to be appropriated by the Grand Lodge, of the District of Montreal and Borough of William Henry, to charitable and other Masonic purposes, held on the 2d day of February, 1824, present R. W. the Hon. W. M'Gillivray, P. G. M.—W. M. Turton Penn, G. S.—W. M. Stanley,—W. M. Dorwin, Brothers, H. M'Kenzie, G. R.—Jacob Bigelow, G. D. C. and John Bethune, S. W. of Lodge No. 3,—Brother H. M'Kenzie was appointed to the Chair, and Brother Bethune, Secretary,—when it was resolved that the following By-Laws for the government of the said Grand Lodge, and regulations for the guidance of the private Lodges of the District, and means for the establishment of a Local Fund, be recommended to the Grand Lodge for its approbation.

1st. All the Regulations contained in the Constitutions published, under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England, by the R. W. William Williams, P. G. M. of the County of Dorset, for the government of Provincial Grand Lodges, and their Officers, as well as those Regulations of the

Grand Lodge of England touching the Regalia and Contributions, together with the additional powers granted to District Grand Lodges in the Colonies and Foreign parts, (page 56,) be adopted, with the modifications and additions herein after expressed, as the By-Laws of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the District of Montreal and Borough of William Henry.

2d. Instead of Sec. 2, Page 53 of the Book of Constitutions, the following is adopted:—The present and past P. G. Officers, being subscribing Members of any Lodge within the District, with the Master, immediate Past-Master and Wardens of every Lodge, are Members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the Master and Wardens shall attend the same when duly summoned, or depute someBrother who is a subscribing Member to some Lodge within the City of Montreal, to represent them.—Each Deputy shall exhibit his authority, in writing, to the proper Officer of the Grand Lodge, and shall wear a proper Jewel to be furnished by the Lodge whose Deputy he is; provided always that such Deputy be not a Master or Warden of any Lodge within the City of Montreal.

3d. If any of the Grand Officers do not attend their duty in Grand Lodge, they shall be subject to the following fines, (to be paid to the general fund of charity) unless they can give good and sufficient reasons, for their absence or neglect, to be determined by the Grand Lodge, viz.: for the first neglect, the Senior Grand Warden, 20s, the

J. G. W. 20s, the G. Treasurer, 15s, the G. Registrar, 15s, the G. Secretary, 15s, the G. S. Deacon, 15s. the G. J. Deacon, 15s. the G. S. of Works, 15s, the G. D. of Ceremonies, 15s, and the G. S. Bearer, 15s. For the second neglect of duty, the above fines shall be doubled; and if they neglect to attend a third time within the year, or refuse to pay their fines, as above, their offices shall be considered as vacated, and any rank or distinction they may have acquired, in consequence of their appointment shall be forfeited.

4th. Any Officer of the Grand Lodge who shall not be present in the Hall of the Grand Lodge at the hour of meeting shall pay a fine of 5s. and every Member of the Grand Lodge guilty of the like neglect, shall pay a fine of 2s. 6d. to be paid to the general fund of charity.

5th. Four Grand Lodges shall be holden, for quarterly communication, in each year, viz.: the second Monday in the months of March, June, September and December, at which none shall be present but the proper Members, without permission of the G. M. or other presiding Grand Officer. No visitor shall speak to any question without leave of the presiding Grand Officer, nor shall he, on any occasion, be permitted to vote.

6th. The present G. Officers shall pay for the Aprons which have been provided for the use of the Grand Lodge, and all Grand Officers shall, in future, be bound to provide their own clothing, which shall be according to the pattern now in use.

7th. Sec. 6, page 19 of the Book of Constitu-

tions, is adopted, with the addition of making the Deputies of country Lodges Members of the Committee therein provided; and with the following modification of the last clause—Two Masters or Past-Masters of Lodges shall be nominated to attend, within the Porch of the Grand Lodge, at each of its meetings, to see that none, except those who are qualified, and who have their proper clothing and jewels, and have signed their names to the accustomed papers, be admitted.

8th. The Officers of the Grand Lodge, with the exception of the Tyler; the Master, Past-Master and Wardens of every Lodge in the District, or the Deputies of Country Lodges, present or absent, shall pay 5s. each per quarter towards defraying the expences of the Grand Lodge.

9th. Every Brother, on his appointment, or reappointment to either of the following Offices, shall pay towards the fund for general purposes, as follows: subject, nevertheless to the decision which shall be made on the question already submitted on this subject, by the Provincial G. M. to the G. M. of England, viz.:—

The Deputy G. Master	TEN GUINEAS.	
Grand Wardens, ea.	EIGHT	do.
Grand Treasurer	FIVE	do.
Grand Registrar	THREE	do.
Grand Secretary	THREE	do.
Grand Deacons, ea.	THREE	do.
Grand Director of Ceremonies	Two	do.
Grand Sup. of Works	Two	do.
Grand Sword Bearer	Two	do.

10th. Payments to be made by Lodges in the City of Montreal:

For each Brother initiated.....One Guinea.
Each Member joining.....5s. 6d.
Each Member of a Lodge.....4s. 4d. annually.

11th. Payments to be made by Country Lodges

For each Brother initiated.....15s.
For each Member joining..... 4s.
Each Member of a Lodge..... 2s. 6d. annually.

It is understood that the dues to the Grand Lodge of England are to be paid out of the above stated Sums.

12th. For every Grand Lodge Certificate, 7s. shall be paid.

13th. All Communications to the Grand Lodge which are not post paid, shall be charged to the Lodge or Lodges from which they are sent.

14th. There shall be a Board of general purposes, constituted and governed by the Regulations provided in the Book of Constitutions (page 109,) with the following exceptions, viz.: Instead of the 1st sec. the following is adopted—This Board shall consist of a President and six Members, of which the G. M. shall annually nominate the President and three of the Members, at the quarterly communication in March; and the Grand Lodge shall, on the same day, elect the other three from among the Masters and Deputies of Lodges; and they, together with the Grand Master, Deputy G. M. and G. Wardens of the year, shall con-

stitute the Board, five of whom shall form a quorum—One third of the Members shall go out of office annually. From the Members thus appointed, the Board shall elect a Vice President.

Instead of the 3d sec. the following is adopted. This Board shall meet on the fourth Monday in every month, if necessary, at 6 o'clock, P. M. from the autumnal to the vernal equinox—and at 7 P. M. from the vernal to the autumnal equinox. The Secretary of this Board shall not be bound to call any of these stated meetings, without an order from the Grand Master, or President.

15th. The charge of the finances of the Grand Lodge, as provided for in the Book of Constitutions (page 114,) with the exception of the first four sections and the times of meeting, shall be added to the duties of the Board of general purposes.

16th. Annexed is the form of Returns to be made to the Grand Lodge, from the private Lodges, which shall be in duplicate.*

17th. One hundred Copies of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge shall be printed, of which each Lodge in the District shall be bound to take one, the price of which will be fixed, when the expence of the whole shall be ascertained.

H. MACKENZIE,
Chairman.

The above Report having been read, in the Grand Lodge, on the 4th February, 1824, was unanimously adopted, clause by clause, as the By-Laws of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the District of Montreal and Borough of William Henry.

W. M'GILLIVRAY, PROV. G. M.
District of Montreal and William Henry.

Amounting to the Sum of	Sterling, equal to		Currency, for the	W. MASTER.
Grand Lodge of England.				S. WARDEN.
Ditto,	Ditto,	Ditto, to	Currency, for the	J. WARDEN.
Provincial Grand Lodge, Montreal.				SECRETARY.
		TOTAL _____	Currency.	

2	S .W										
3	.J.W.										
4	Treasr.										
5	Secty.										
6	S. D.										
7	J. D.										
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9											
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Amounting to the Sum of Sterling, equal to Currency, for the Grand Lodge of England.

Ditto, Ditto, Ditto, to Currency, for the Provincial Grand Lodge, Montreal.

TOTAL _____ Currency.

W. MASTER.

S. WARDEN.

J. WARDEN.

SECRETARY.

* **Form of Return** *to be sent Half Yearly to the* **Grand Secretary.**

Return *of the Members of* *Lodge on the Registry of*

held at *up to the* *A. L.* 58.

No.	Members' Names.	Officers	Profession.	Age.	Residence.	Date of admission	When Initiated.	When passed.	When raised.	Joined from Lodge.	Fees payable to G. Lodge of England sterling.	Fees payable to the Provincial G Lodge, Montreal	Remarks.
1		W. M.											
2		S .W											
3		.J.W.											
4		Treasr.											
5		Secty.											
6		S. D.											
		J. D.											